

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting of May 23, 2003  
9 AM – 3:45 PM

Attendance:

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee Members:

Dan Kavanagh, MPPDC  
Jerry Higgins, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, VPI Water Authority  
Robert Taylor, VDH  
Tom Botkins, VMA  
Mike Thacker, AEP  
Shelton Miles  
Frank Sanders, City of Winchester  
Bob Burnley, DEQ  
Judy K. Dunscomb, The Nature Conservancy  
Terry Reid, VAWWA  
Guy Aydlett, VAMWA  
Cathy Taylor, Dominion  
Mike West, HBAV  
Brian Ramaley, Newport News

Eldon James, Rappahannock River Basin Commission  
Patti Jackson, James River Association  
Sam Hamilton, VA. Agribusiness Council  
Art Petrini, County of Henrico  
David Kovacs (for Jesse Richardson), VAPA  
Charlie Crowder, Fairfax County Water Authority  
William E. Cox, Virginia Tech  
Ed Imhoff  
Christopher Miller, Piedmont Environmental Council  
Robert Royall, VA. Water Well Association  
William Stoneman, VA. Farm Bureau  
Mark Bennett (for Ward Staubitz), USGS  
Rick Brown, VA. Rural Water Association  
David Paylor, Deputy SNR

Members Absent:

Robert Conner, Brunswick County

Jeffery Irving, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DEQ and Facilitation staff:

Scott Kudlas  
Terry Wagner  
Kathy Frahm

Barbara Hulburt  
Mark Rubin  
Bill Ellis

Division of Legislative Services Staff:

Marty Farber

Interested Parties:

John Kauffman  
Kay Slaughter  
Christopher Pomeroy  
Kristen Lentz (alternate)  
Becky Mitchell  
Thomas Leahy  
Scott Emry  
Larry Land  
Jesse Royall  
Brent Waters  
Kate Quinlan

Denise Thompson  
Tracie Goldberg  
Larry M. Foster  
Teresa Gregson  
John Lain  
Don Hayes  
Ken Chandler  
David Nelms  
Alisia Penn  
Tom Roberts (alternate)

Summary of the Meeting:

Barbara Hulburt opened the meeting by reviewing and discussing several organizational matters. The minutes of all meetings of the TAC will be posted on the DEQ website within 10 days of the full TAC meetings. The sense of the TAC was that the minutes previously posted and distributed of the April 28th meeting accurately reflected the meeting. The agenda of the meeting was reviewed. Arrangements were also made for TAC members to provide available dates for all future meetings of the TAC pursuant to the proposed timeline distributed at the April 28th meeting.

Scott Kudlas, Water Policy TAC Coordinator, explained to the group that DEQ was working with the administration on a NOIRA (Notice of Intended Regulatory Action) pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Process Act. The NOIRA will be submitted for publication in the June 16th issue of the Virginia Register. There will then be a public comment period of one week to 10 days. The NOIRA will be distributed to TAC members before publication.

Dr. William Cox of Virginia Tech then gave a presentation to the TAC entitled "Virginia Water Supply Planning: A Brief History and Status Report". The substance of the presentation is reflected in the notes attached as Exhibit 1. The TAC then had the opportunity to pose questions and make comments to Dr. Cox.

Fred Fisher, Esq. of the Office of the Attorney General then gave a brief talk on "Legal Issues with Virginia Water Rights". The substance of the presentation is reflected in the notes attached as Exhibit 2. The TAC then had an opportunity to ask questions and make comments to Mr. Fisher.

John Kauffman of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries then spoke to the TAC on "In-Stream Flow and the Effects on Aquatic Life". The substance of the presentation is reflected in the notes attached as Exhibit 3. Questions and comments on the presentation were made to Mr. Kauffman.

Terry Wagner of DEQ, Don Haynes and David Nelms, both of USGS, then made a presentation on the current status of data collections regarding groundwater and surface water supplies. Notes on these presentations are attached as Exhibit 4.

Notes of the questions asked and comments made on the presentations are memorialized on the transcription of the flip chart notes which are also posted by DEQ.

In the afternoon, small group assignments were distributed along with the groupings of issues that had been discussed with the TAC prior to the meeting. Barbara Hulburt pointed out that small groups were not decisions makers on the issues assigned to it. Small groups would make recommendations to the large group. If consensus is not reached on a recommendation, the small group will present a summary of the discussion of the issue. The small groups were also provided a list of questions to utilize as a framework for discussion of the issues assigned to each group. The small group assignments, issue groupings and questions are attached as Exhibit 5.

The small groups then met to organize their respective work assignments. At the conclusion of these meetings, the large group convened and discussed potential topics for future presentations to the full TAC. Topics suggested for future presentations to the full TAC are also reflected in the transcription of the flip chart notes.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of the TAC members and their attendance on a Friday before a holiday weekend. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Mark Rubin